

## Program Alerts

CMS has updated the [CMS EHR Incentive Programs website](#) and resources based on changes to the program. CMS encourages EPs, eligible hospitals, and CAHs to visit the updated website to find official CMS resources and program information, including:

- [2017 Program Requirements webpage](#)
- Medicaid 2017 Specification Sheets for [EPs](#) and [hospitals](#)
- Medicaid Stage 3 Specification Sheets for [EPs](#) and [hospitals](#)
- Medicare 2017 Specification Sheets for [Eligible Hospitals, CAHs and Dual-Eligible hospitals](#) attesting to CMS
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- The [2017 Program Requirements webpage](#) contains links to new webpages with informational Tip Sheets on Stage 2 and Stage 3 objectives and measures
- [Eligible Professionals and Eligible Hospitals/CAHs: What You Need to Know for 2016](#)
- New [Centralized Repository webpage](#) to help EPs, eligible hospitals, and CAHs find entities that accept electronic public health data
- [Modified Stage 2 and Stage 3 Measure Tables for Eligible Hospitals and CAHs Attesting to CMS](#)

Since the Stage 2 Final Rule was released, there have been numerous changes to the meaningful use (MU) objectives and measures. CMS has made available comparison tools for EPs and EHs. The tool highlights how the MU objectives have evolved from Stage 2 to Modified Stage 2 to Stage 3. In addition to describing the MU requirement changes, a timeline is presented that includes key dates and deadlines associated with the MU stages and associated program years.

- [EP Stage 2 vs. Stage 3 Comparison Tool](#)
- [EH Stage 2 vs. Stage 3 Comparison Tool](#)

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## Important Dates for Eligible Professionals, Eligible Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals:

- **January 1, 2017**  
Reporting year begins for Program Year 2017.
- **February 28, 2017**  
Last day to submit registration for Program Year 2016.
- **March 13, 2017**  
Medicare CY 2016 attestation deadline.
- **March 28, 2017**  
Appeal filing for eCQM reporting/eligibility/failed reporting MU

## Important Dates for Eligible Professionals, Eligible Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals (con't):

- **March 31, 2017**  
Last day to submit an attestation to receive an incentive payment for Program Year 2016.
- **July 2017**  
Targeted go live date for Program Year 2017.
- **December 31, 2017**  
Reporting year ends for Program Year 2017.
- **2021**  
Last year to receive Medicaid EHR incentive payment.

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## KHIE Connection

Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE) is the Public Health Authority in the Commonwealth for the public health measures within the EHR Incentive Program. In order to be deemed a Meaningful User the provider must have a signed Participation Agreement and signed addendum(s) on file with KHIE for each public health objective selected for attestation. Public Health guidance is available on the EHR website as well as the KHIE website.

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## Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Status, April 24, 2017

	Registrations	Completed Attestations	Total Paid	Amount Paid
Hospitals	95	294	267	\$133,316,892.13
Providers	5,169	9,153	7,213	\$109,302,917.24
Totals	5,264	9,447	7,480	\$242,619,809.37

## Kentucky Medicare EHR Incentive Program Status, July 2016

Total Payments to EPs and EHs: 10,806

Total Amount Paid: \$379,086,957.18